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AD HOC REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE ON PROJECT AQUATONE (ARC)

Minutes of Meeting Held in Room 328
Administration Building, Central Intelligence Agency
at 2:30 p.m., 26 March 1957

James Q. Reber
Chairman

P R E S E N T

Col. William A. Dedds, OACSI
Col. Byrd Sergeant, OACSI
Col. Quintin S. Lander, OACSI
Major George Van Laethem, OACSI
Mr. Ray E. Adcock, OACSI
Comdr. Julius M. Larsen, ONI
Major Donald Conroy, USMC
Col. James H. Macia, Jr., AFOIN

Mr. Arthur C. Lundahl, CIA

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Flow Charts Relating to the TALENT System and Materials

1. Attention was called to draft charts prepared by [] of HTAUTOMAT which attempt to summarize graphically relationships and agreements bearing upon the TALENT System and the processing and movement of TALENT materials. It was agreed that [] would reproduce these and disseminate them for critical comment prior to final reproduction of copies for everyone concerned. Suggested changes should be reported to the Chairman prior to the close of business 2 April 1957.

AQUATONE Coverage of the Soviet's Open Sky Area

2. Mr. Lundahl exhibited a map with overlays showing areas 500 miles wide on either side of the Iron Curtain and indicating in the area east of that line

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AQUATONE photographic coverage to date. A general impression was that relatively small areas therein would become available to the United States over and beyond that which it now had photographed if the Soviet Open Sky proposal were adopted. It was also indicated that the 500 mile area west of the line would presumably expose considerable NATO defenses.

Annual Report of the CIA TSO [redacted]

3. [redacted] the CIA TSO, informed the Committee that he had disseminated to the members a copy of his annual report reviewing developments relating to the TALENT Security System over the course of the last year. The Chairman invited the members to examine this and to report any errors which they noted.

4. The Committee agreed on additional minor revisions in the draft SOP for [redacted] Colonel Macia stated that there now remained some staff work for him to do before the SOP could be finalized. It was agreed that the means of finalizing this paper would be the same as applicable as in the case of the SOP for [redacted] and the Chairman stated that he would await word from the Air Force prior to undertaking such action.

SOP for IPCs

5. Subject to editorial changes as agreed, Draft 3 of [redacted] received the concurrence of all concerned. The Chairman indicated he would prepare a transmittal for this paper for signature of the Director of Central Intelligence to the Air Force with copies to all concerned as soon as he received the go ahead from Colonel Macia. He said the form of that transmittal would be the same as in the case of the SOP for [redacted] (Note: Each member is requested to leave word by phone with the Chairman's secretary as to the number of copies his agency wishes by the close of business 1 April 1957.)

Cover Memorandum on Highest and High Priority Targets

6. The Ad Hoc Requirements Committee agreed on the draft memorandum entitled "Highest and High Priority Targets for Western USSR, the Far East and European Satellites" [redacted] 20 March 1957) as amended. A corrected and final version is being distributed with these Minutes.

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7. The Chairman indicated that [redacted] now had the final reproduction of the Western USSR targets and would shortly have those for the Far East. He stated that he would return the Satellite target submissions for such revision as was now required in view of the agreement indicated in paragraph 4 of the draft paper. He requested that those targets to be included in Section A be clearly marked with the letter A and those for Section B clearly marked with the letter B. It was agreed that each of the three lists when distributed would have a cover sheet explaining the categories along the lines of the explanations used in the July 1956 target lists.

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JAMES Q. REBER
Chairman

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- 9-OSI
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- 12-IO
- 13-Chief/HTA
- 14-TSO
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- 18-file
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